

Allotments – Temporary structures policy

Aim and Purpose

The policy aim and purpose is to allow allotment plot holders the opportunity to extend the growing season for some produce within temporary structures, while maintaining some uniformity of construction and ensuring a defined lifespan.

Policy

1. Small poly-tunnels will be allowed as temporary structures, for the purpose of extending the growing season and range of produce, provided that the following criteria are met for size and materials:
 - within a maximum size of 2.46m (8ft) wide, by 6.15m (20ft) long (the width of the plot) and 2.3m (7ft 6ins) high
 - of strong construction with either aluminum or plastic hoop frames, covered in clear or opaque PVC, and with anchor fixings to the ground (not guy ropes) to withstand wind.

The permission is conditional on the poly-tunnel being removed at the end of the tenancy.

2. Small wooden sheds will be allowed as temporary structures, provided that the following criteria are met for size and materials:
 - within a maximum size of 1.8m (6ft), by 1.2m (4ft) and 2m (6ft 6ins) height, of robust construction in wood with either apex or sloping roof, from which tenants are encouraged to collect rainwater for use on their plot.

The permission is conditional on the shed being removed at the end of the tenancy.

Implementation

This policy to be implemented immediately after adoption by Open Spaces Committee – adopted 14th February 2022.

Review

The policy will be reviewed by the Open Spaces committee annually in January/February from 2023 onwards. 12/02/24 approved.